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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : PATENT
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For: **DEVICE FOR DAMPING**
PRESSURE SURGES

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the May 16, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 11-24 are pending in the application, with claim 11 being independent.

Claim 11 covers a device for damping pressure surges in a fluid comprising a housing 10, a spring-type accumulator 12 in the housing, a first piston 14 and a second piston 24. The housing has a longitudinal axis 32 and a connecting piece 26. The first piston is displaceable in the housing against pretensioning forces of the accumulator. The second piston is displaceable in the connecting piece along the longitudinal axis. The first and second pistons are mechanically uncoupled such that they can be separated relative to one another. The accumulator biases the first piston such that the first piston exerts a compressive force on the second piston and the two pistons are in constant contact with one another in all positions of the

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